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CO-OP SUBSCRIBERS TO TAKE FINAL ACTIONS NEXT TUESDAY

The Cooperative Organizing Committee is calling all subscribers for shares in Greenbelt's proposed consumers' cooperative to a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, December 12, in the Auditorium. Chairman W. R. Volckhausen announces that the meeting will be open to all, but only subscribers will be eligible to vote.

The business of the meeting will be consideration of the C.O.C.'s final recommendation of (1) a financial agreement under the terms of which the cooperative would return the $40,000 advanced to it by Consumer Distribution Corporation, and (2) by-laws which would govern the conduct of the cooperative.

The by-laws and financial agreement approved by the subscribers at this meeting will form the basis of negotiations which C.D.C. expected to result in the taking over of the local stores on January 2, 1940. The C.O.C. will request a written vote on both documents, and all further negotiations will be based upon the financial agreement and by-laws approved at this meeting.

Copies of the proposed financial agreement and by-laws, as approved by the C.O.C., will be delivered to all subscribers in advance of the meeting, to permit consideration of the documents before final action is taken on December 12.

The first draft of the proposed financial agreement was drawn up last June by the finance sub-committee of the C.O.C., acting under the leadership of Howard Custer. It was modified by the C.O.C. and by the subscribers in public hearings held in June, and has since been subject to revision at the hands of the finance sub-committee and of the C.O.C., acting with the advice of Farm Security and Consumer Distribution Corporation attorneys. Because both F.S.A. and C.D.C. representatives have been advised of and consulted in the drawing up of the agreement, the C.O.C. anticipates no difficulty in securing the approval of both.

The financial agreement provides, essentially, for repayment of the C.D.C. investment of about $40,000 in the local stores over the remaining eight year period of the lease, with clauses protecting the cooperative from obligation to make excessive payments during poor periods, and clauses protecting C.D.C. in the case of mismanagement of the cooperative or failure on the part of the cooperative to live up to its obligation. The version of the agreement to be presented at the subscribers' meeting was approved unanimously by the C.O.C., and has received unofficial approval in the solicitor's office of the Department of Agriculture.

The first draft of the proposed by-laws was drawn up by the by-laws sub-committee of the C.O.C., under the chairmanship and assistant-chairmanship respectively of Joseph Loftus and B. P. Ynhell. Like the financial agreement, the proposed by-laws were then amended by the C.O.C. and by the subscribers during hearings last June, and were tentatively approved by the subscribers following those hearings. They have since been modified by the by-laws committee and the C.O.C., acting with the advice of F.S.A. and C.D.C. lawyers.

The by-laws of the cooperative, besides insuring the cooperative character of the association, will govern such major matters as the qualifications and privileges of membership, the issuance of patronage returns, the election of directors, the conduct and frequency of membership meetings, the responsibilities of the board of directors, the privileges of member-patrons and of non-member-patrons, the interest of share capital, the disposition of savings, and the setting up of protective reserves.

The action to be taken by the subscribers at this meeting will be final, will to a large extent determine the future conduct of the cooperative, and will provide the basis for final negotiations between the C.O.C. and Consumer Distribution Corporation.

SWIM REFUNDS AWAIT RETURN OF UNUSED TICKETS

Issuing a call for last year's unused swim tickets, the Town Administration office yesterday stated emphatically that every cent would be refunded to Greenbelt's citizens shortly.

The reason for the delay in refunding the money was the necessity of having all the tickets in first so that a single check for the entire amount could be drawn. This procedure will enable the office to make all the refunds in cash rather than resort to the inefficient and wasteful method of issuing many small checks. Notice will be given by the office when the cash is ready.

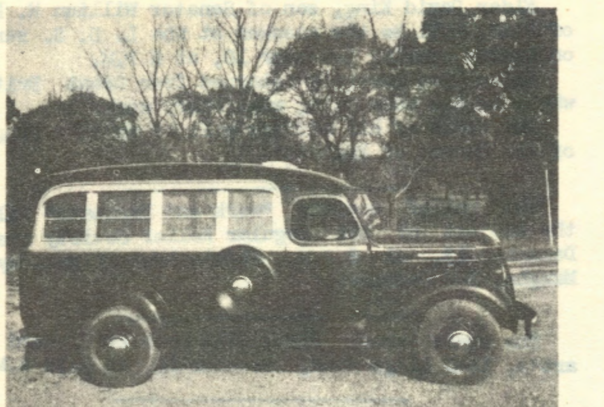
JOURNALISTIC CLUB MEETS NEXT WEDNESDAY

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Journalistic Club will be held Wednesday, December 13, at 8:15 P. M., in Room 202 over the Variety Store.

A discussion of the new format of the Cooperator is anticipated and a budget for the paper will be presented for consideration.

Citizens Study New Bus System

TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION?



This sample station wagon which was on exhibit in Greenbelt Sunday and Monday may be the answer to local transportation questions if proposals of the Transportation Committee are adopted by enough residents.

By Frank Burr

The Greenbelt Citizens Association met Monday evening and considered the all-important Greenbelt issue——transportation. Benjamin Ketcham of the sub-committee on municipal transportation read a statement by his committee stating that they had considered the operation of a municipal system of transportation and decided against such a system due to the necessity of borrowing initial funds and the large personnel and operating problem that would be immediately presented. His committee joined with the sub-committee on Cooperative Transportation and recommended the plan to be suggested by them.

Allen Arness, chairman of the sub-committee on cooperative transportation read a statement of that committee explaining the essential elements of their plan and submitted therewith a more detailed report with exhibits and statistics. Mr. Arness stated that the Capital Transit Company was obviously interested in serving the public interest only insofar as it led to quick and easy profits and then an alternate system was the only solution of the transportation problem.

Under the plan submitted a cooperative would be formed and a $15 membership fee paid by members in groups of 12. These members would be transported to and from work areas in station wagon type busses such as the type displayed in Greenbelt this weekend. Only one bus would be purchased in the beginning, and more would be added wherever groups of 12 became interested. Driving would be on a volunteer basis, the group picking their drivers from their own membership. The plan as submitted is considered non-competitive and in addition to Capital Transit service and as such was not believed to fall under the State or District of Columbia Utility Commission's jurisdiction.

After considerable discussion, centering mainly upon the fact that the plan would include only a small group of citizens at the start, and the possibility of Capital Transit discontinuing service the transportation committee reported that the Capital Transit is required under franchise to perform service and can not discontinue such service without permission of the state utility commission. Sherrod East moved that a committee be appointed to study the proposal made in the light of three suggestions developed by discussion; first, the proposal as submitted; second, the possibility of complete cooperative service to the Mt. Rainier terminal of the Capital Transit; and third, Mr. East's own suggestion that the proposal be taken up with the Town Council with a view to immediate complete service on a cooperative basis backed financially by the Town of Greenbelt. The motion carried and a voluntary committee was appointed.

The Better Buyer's Club notified the Citizens Association of the desire of the Joint Maryland Consumers' Milk Committee to have a local committee work with it in presenting a brief to the Secretary of Agriculture protesting the proposed increase in retail milk prices. The Association passed a motion authorizing the appointment of such a committee, but the chairman did not appoint the members during the meeting. A motion was passed that the Association go on record as protesting any increase in milk prices in Greenbelt.

The question was brought up of the desire of the American Legion post of Greenbelt to sponsor the local Boy Scout troop, now under the sponsorship of the Greenbelt Citizens Association. The subject was aired thoroughly, and a motion was passed that the Citizens Association should retain the sponsorship. It was pointed out that if the Citizens Association thus retained sponsorship, they must actively endeavor to build and improve the Scout troop, and thereby allay the criticism of their previous sponsorship.

Second Christmas Party Will Be Held December 20 This Year

A Christmas party will be held again this year at the underpass opposite the Town Square the Wednesday before Christmas at 6:30 P.M. The Mothers Club is sponsoring the party with the help of the Elementary School and the Town Administration.

At a meeting held last Thursday, November 30, plans were laid for the party. The Administration, represented by Wallace Mabee and Mrs. Rose Alpher is supplying the tree. Mrs. Catherine Reed, as spokesman for the school, assumed the responsibility for providing the children's program.

A Maryland State official will be invited to light the tree to start the ceremonies.

Maryland Democrats Will See Movies At Party December 15

Preparations for a gala party to be held December 15 in the Social Room of the Greenbelt Elementary School were announced today by the Maryland Democrats. The party is scheduled to start at 8:30 P.M. Scheduled entertainment includes motion pictures of Greenbelt and both modern and old-fashioned square dancing. An added attraction will be musical entertainment by a group of well-known entertainers.

Mrs. Gilda Kling is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the evening and Mrs. Helen Gerst is in charge of publicity. "We planned this party as a general old-fashioned get-together", said Mrs. Kling when she announced the party today, "and we hope everyone will attend."

Further details concerning plans for the evening will appear in next week's Cooperator.

TOYTOWN FEATURES AMERICAN MADE GOODS

A check-up of the origin of merchandise at Toytown reveals that practically all of it is domestic. The only imported goods are some of the tree ornaments, which came from Czechoslovakia. These decorations were made and shipped to the United States prior to that country's absorption by Germany.

There are no Japanese and German-made articles in the store. These items were taken from the stock in accordance with a Greenbelt Citizens' Association resolution passed about a year ago and in keeping with the sentiment here.

Such toys as dolls, tin dishes and heavy-steel busses, trucks and cars, most of which were at one time imported from Germany, are now made in the United States.

The goods made in this country are generally of better quality than imported merchandise, with the possible exception of some of the Christmas tree ornaments, explained Joseph L. Rogers, Toytown's manager. The reason for this is that the American makers of this product so far have been unable to perfect the technique so essential in the manufacture of high-class tree bulbs.

For many years foreign concerns led in making many good-quality items, but the United States' manufacturers are quickly stepping out ahead of other countries in the making of high-quality toys. It is expected that tree ornaments, particularly bulbs, soon will be among this group.

The cost of Christmas items at Toytown is in line with prices elsewhere, said Mr. Rogers, referring particularly to Washington prices.

Newswriting class Saturday evening at 7:30 in Room 202 will take up the writing of headlines.

EXTRA VACATION FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

This week President Roosevelt issued executive orders which result in two extra days off duty for Government and District of Columbia employees. The Saturday before Christmas and the Saturday before New Year will be given federal employees to allow them three day vacations on each of these holidays. The Works Progress Administration has announced that its employees in the States will receive pre-holiday checks, rather than being paid on the day following the holiday, providing the normal pay-day falls on those dates.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETS TONIGHT

The charter of the Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary will be closed shortly, but membership can still be registered with Mrs. Thomas McNamara, phone 4107.

The next meeting of the organization will be tonight at 16-H Ridge Road.

The Greenbelt Municipal Hospital is at present filled to capacity it was indicated this week. Medical, surgical and obstetrical cases are represented among the local patients.

New Greenbelt Has Apartment Hotel for Overnight Guests

To accommodate Greenbelt residents who have overnight guests and no place to conveniently keep them, the management has provided a one-room hotel apartment at 10-B Parkway. This apartment can be reserved in advance by applying to the office and the charge is $1.00 per night for this convenience.

If the guest desires to do some cooking in the apartment the rate is $1.10 and the electric range is turned on. Arrangements will also be made to provide linens and blankets at an additional charge of 50 cents per night. However, if the guest furnishes his own bedding, the rate is $1.00 without the use of the electric range, or $1.10 with the use of the range.

Assistant Town Manager O. Kline Fulmer indicated that these arrangements are made in response to a number of requests for guest accommodations.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Harry Walls in the Management Office.

BABY IMITATES COLLEGE BOYS—EATS GUPPY

Little Richard Abele of 1-B Eastway started in to rival the college students last week at an early age. Although only 22 months old, he succeeded in swallowing a guppy alive. He and his mother were calling on Mrs. Robert Whiteman of 6-B Hillside, and Richard's attention had quickly been attracted to a large tank of these tropical fish containing about 50 or 75, which stood on a low table. On being left alone a minute he seized a small fish net which Mrs. Whiteman had handy, scooped out a medium-sized guppy, and swallowed it upon the spot. Mrs. Whiteman glimpsed the tragedy out of the corner of her eye, too late to save her pet. Richard's mother just refused to believe such a thing had happened until Richard was asked to show what he had done and promptly went after another guppy in the same manner. "Guppy was good!" he insisted, as the two horrified ladies thwarted his second attempt.

SQUARE DANCERS OUTGROWING ROOM

The Square Dancers of Greenbelt have already become too numerous for the meeting room above the Variety Store where they have been dancing and they have overflowed out into the hallway that had separated them from the sanctum of the Cooperator. If this response continues the group hopes to get official permission to caper elsewhere more roomy and to leave the Cooperator to its quiet labors. But this week the place again is: Above the Variety Store; the time: Saturday, 9:15 P.M.

LOCAL POLICE HAVE SEMINAR ON WEAPONS

Special Agent Walter Welsh, champion pistol shot, was a guest of the Greenbelt Police Department last Thursday, November 30. All of Greenbelt's police force were down at the rifle range where Mr. Welsh, who is an instructor at the National Police Academy of the F. B. I. took them through some of the fine points in the use of various types of police weapons.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS ON 1940 PROGRAM

The Women's Club of Greenbelt, recently organized unit of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, will hold its next meeting on Thursday, December 7, at the home of its president, Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis, 38-E Crescent Road at 2 P.M.

Matters pertaining to organizational methods will be considered and plans made for the 1940 program. A full attendance is requested.

SEVEN GREENBELT SCOUTS EARN AWARDS

Seven Greenbelt Boy Scouts received awards at the County Court of Honor held at the University of Maryland last Friday. The whole Greenbelt troop was there to applaud as Thomas Freeman, Herbert Hall, Revere Neilson, Carl Pearson, Robert Porter, and Werner Steinle received Star awards. J. L. Dameron and Revere Neilson received Life awards.

STATE POLICE USE MOBILE RADIO

Maryland State Police filed an application this week with the Federal Communications Commission for authority to construct a mobile radio transmitting station.

The Police will experiment with ultra-high frequencies in a mobile unit operating throughout the State, to determine its effectiveness in police work. Two-way communication is now in use in many municipalities throughout the country.

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Congregation Sees Religious Movies

Last Sunday evening at 8:00 the Evening Hour of the Community Church featured a two-reel dramatic moving picture of an incident in the Life of Jesus, "The Rich Young Ruler."

This coming Sunday, December 10, at the same time, and the following Sunday evening the series on the Life of Christ will continue. The titles of these moving pictures are, "Jesus Gathers His Friends" and "When Jesus Was Born."

The community is cordially invited to these services. Come and bring your friends. There will be a song service and organ music in addition to the film.

ELDER KING WILL SPEAK TO L.D.S.

Elder David King, son of Senator William H. King, of Utah, will be the speaker at the L. D. S. service on Sunday evening December 10, at 8 P.M.

Elder King recently returned from Great Britain, where he has been doing missionary work.

The topic of his address will be on "The Progress of the Church of England".

The relief society "work and business" will be the subject of the regular Relief Society meeting December 13, at 8 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Maughn, 2-M Gardenway.

The men's study class will meet at Richard Stuart's, 14-C Ridge Road, December 10, at 8:30 A.M.

MEN'S CLASS ATTENDANCE REACHES 60

All previous attendance marks passed into eclipse last Sunday when the Community Men's Class showed an attendance of 60. This was a new all-time high with the Red and Blue teams breaking even as far as scoring was concerned.

The contest score is now 1270 points for the Reds and 1060 for the Blues.

The Community Church requests all members to save Ivory soap wrappers and Oxydol box tops for redemption by the Proctor and Gamble Company. This manufacturer has an offer, closing on January 2, 1940, to redeem each wrapper, in bundles of 200, for one-half cent each, payment to be made to any church.

Churches Take Over Ticket Sales For "Cradle Song"

Attention of the members of all the churches in town is called to the offer of the Greenbelt Players to restrict the sale of tickets for their next production "Cradle Song" to the churches.

The Players have offered to give half the proceeds of the ticket sales to the churches to be divided among them.

Rev. Robert L. Kincheloe is in charge of sales for the Community Church; Rev. Leo J. Fealy or Frank Loftus for the Catholic Church; Donald Wagstaff for the Church of Latter Day Saints; and Alfred Mark for the Greenbelt Hebrew Congregation.

Welcome to Greenbelt

The following is a list of new arrivals to Greenbelt. The Cooperator takes this opportunity to extend the hand of welcome to:

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schaad	3-F Parkway Road
Mr. and Mrs. William W. Meek	12-B Crescent Rd.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Kaighn	13-U Ridge Road
Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Lewis	48-F Crescent Rd.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ahelaitis	22-F Parkway Road
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith	15-D Parkway Road
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bomberger	2-P Gardenway Rd
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gibson	2-G Southway Rd

Due to the death of his father last Friday, December 1, Mr. Harvey Vincent has left again for Suffolk, Virginia.

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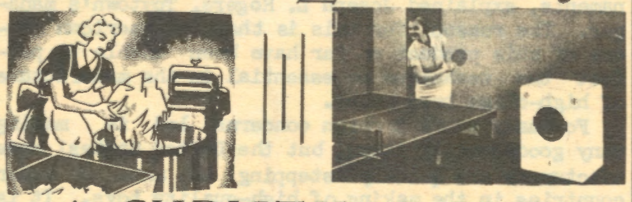
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Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

There are those who are inclined to refer to "The Grapes of Wrath" as Tom described his "Grampa", a "heller," and who think of the book only in terms of the muck therein. Others see in its pages an economic, a social, a religious elan vital expressed in the vibrant lives of certain of the main characters.

The following excerpt from this famous book is used here to illustrate the impact of Jesus Christ upon one type of mankind. Scene: Casey, a former Holiness preacher has just been asked by his friend Tom to comply with Granma's urgent request for grace before breakfast.

"Casey ran his fingers through his hair nervously. 'I got to tell you, I ain't a preacher no more. If me jus' bein' glad to be here an' bein' thankful for people that's kind and generous, if that's enough—why, I'll say that kinda grace. But I ain't a preacher no more.'

"'Say her,' said Granma. 'An' get in a word about us goin' to California.' The preacher bowed his head, and the others bowed their heads...

"'I been thinkin',' he said. 'I been in the hills, thinkin', almost you might say like Jesus went into the wilderness to think His way out of a mess of troubles.'

"'Pu-raise Gawd!' Granma said, and the preacher glanced over at her in surprise.

"'Seems like Jesus got all messed up with troubles, and He couldn't figure nothin' out, an' He got to feelin' what good is it all, an' what's the use fightin' an' figurin'. Got tired, got good an' tired, an' His sperit all wore out. Jus' about come to the conclusion, there's no use goin' on. An' so He went off into the wilderness.'

"'A-men,' Granma bleated. So many years she had timed her responses to the pauses. And it so many years since she had listened to or wondered at the words used.

"'I ain't sayin' I'm like Jesus,' the preacher went on. 'But I got tired like Him, an' I got mixed up like Him, an' I went into the wilderness like Him, without no campin' stuff. Nighttime I'd lay on my back an' look up at the stars; morning I'd set an' watch the sun come up...Sometimes I'd pray like I always done. On'y I couldn' figure what I was prayin' to or for. There was the hills, an' there was me, an' we wasn't separate no more. We was one thing. An' that one thing was holy.'

"'Hallelujah,' said Granma, and she rocked a little back and forth, trying to catch hold of an ecstasy.

"'An' I got thinkin', on'y it wasn't thinkin', it was deeper down than thinkin'. I got thinkin' how we was holy when we was one thing, an' mankin' was holy when it was one thing. An' it on'y got unholy when one mis'able little fella got the bit in his teeth an' run off his own way, kickin' an' draggin' an' fightin'. Fella like that bust the holiness. But when they're all workin' together, not one fella for another fella, but one fella kind of harnessed to the whole shebang—that's right, that's holy. An' then I got thinkin' I don't even know what I mean by holy.' He paused, but the bowed heads stayed down, for they had been trained like dogs to rise at the 'amen' signal. 'I can't say no grace like I use'ta say. I'm glad of the holiness of breakfast. I'm glad there's love here. That's all.' The heads stayed down. The preacher looked around. 'I've got your breakfast cold,' he said; and then he remembered. 'Amen,' he said, and all the heads rose up."

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NEW BARBER REPLACES RAY

Joining the staff of the Greenbelt Consumer Services on Saturday, November 25, Avlet Lloyd Calhoun, who came here from Newport News, Virginia, now occupies the second chair at the Barber Shop, replacing John W. Ray who resigned recently.

Mr. Calhoun learned his profession early——for he was cutting hair at the age of 14——at his home in Glasgow, Kentucky. He has been a barber for the past 26 years, serving in Washington, D. C., North Carolina, Virginia and the Panama Canal Zone, where he was in the Army service.

Mr. Calhoun, who is unmarried, will reside in Washington.

Again at Mrs. Ellen Krebs, Sunday night, November 26, the local Chamber Group met and played to their hearts' content.

Besides the Les Atkinses and the Ralph Hershes, the Dick Coopers and the Nathan Scheins were present. Music played included pieces by Mozart and Beethoven.

The College Park Branch of American Association of University Women will hold an important meeting on Tuesday, December 12, at the old library building at the University. The milk marketing agreement will be the topic of discussion. Visitors are invited, and it is hoped that a number of Greenbelt women will be present.

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Some of the selections played thus far have been: Beethoven's Sixth (Pastoral) Symphony, Mozart's Symphony in G Minor, Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, Tchaikowsky's Sixth Symphony and Liszt's Hungarian Dance No. 2.

GALE BOY WEATHERS FIRST LOCAL APPENDECTOMY

Greenbelt's first appendectomy was performed at the Town Hospital last Saturday, December 2, at 2 A.M. The young patient, 10 year old George Gale of 1-A Woodland Way, was attended by local Health Association physicians and is recovering nicely.

This weekend featured two additions to Greenbelt who didn't pass through the Tenant Selection office. Both of them, Carmen Ruth Van Cleave and Joel William Miller were delivered at the Greenbelt Hospital by Health Association physicians.

Carmen Ruth, the eight pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Van Cleave of 38-B Crescent Road was born at 12:25 A.M. on December 3. Seven pound ten ounce son of the Martin Millers, 17-A Ridge Road was born at 12:37 P.M. December 3.

- PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS -

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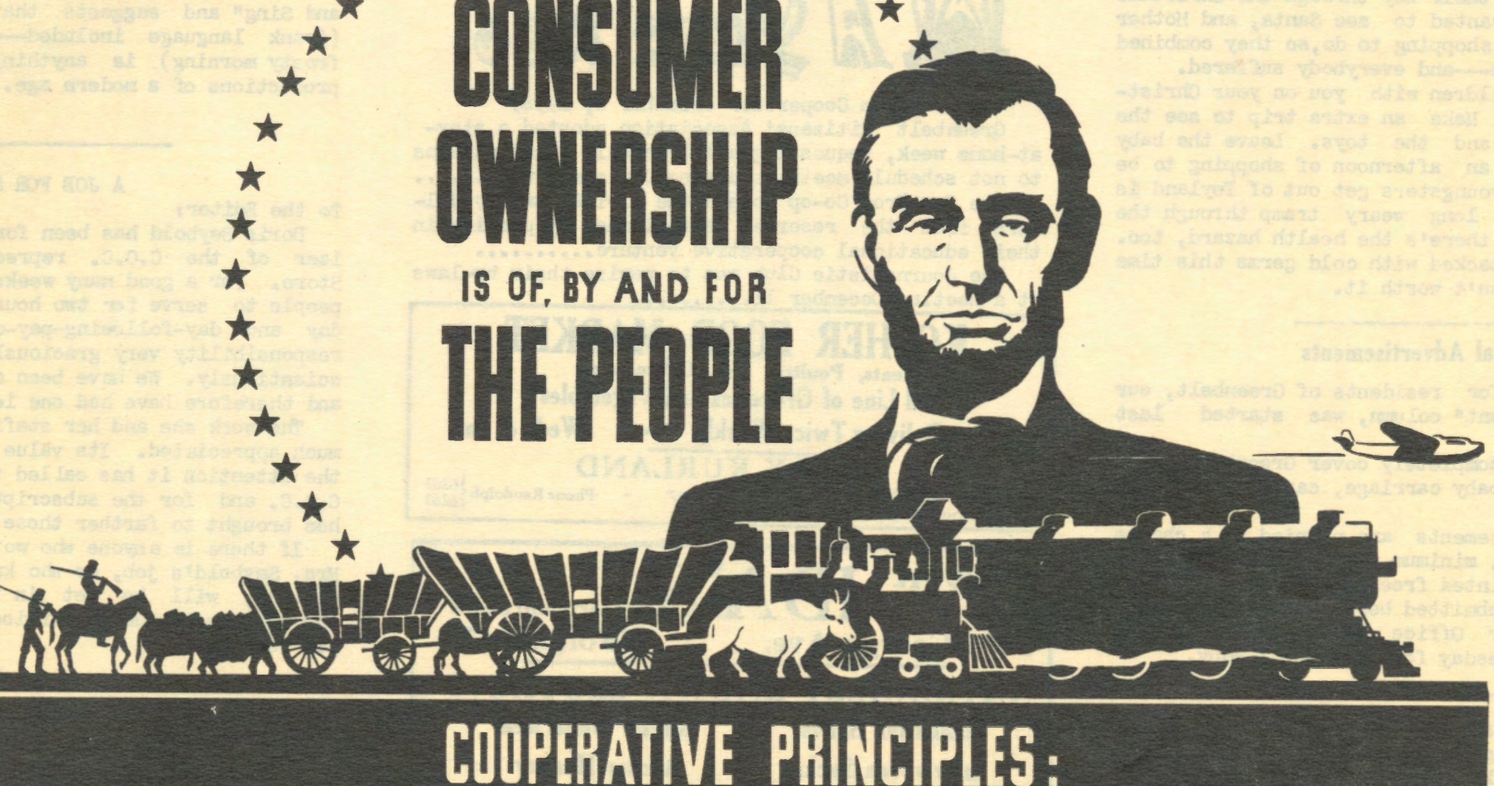

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"Made in -----"

The Christmas season brings another flood of German and Japanese goods to American stores. We would be the last to provoke a "Buy American" campaign, because we believe that such a short sighted policy is unsound economics.

If we do not mind the Japanese invasion of China or the German encroachments upon her neighbors and upon her own minorities, then we need not question the origin of toys, novelties and decorations we buy this month. If, however, we do not condone these brutal attacks, then we must remember that it is our purchases of goods from agressor nations which give those governments the foreign exchange for buying the munitions they need.

The Japanese can conquer all Asia with the silk stockings America buys. Christmas tree ornaments sold in this country can keep Hitler safely in control of "Greater" Germany. Such little things build empires.

N.B.---Greenbelt stores are not helping to build these empires. German and Japanese-made goods which had been included in Christmas stocks were removed last week. If you want German and Japanese goods you will have to buy them elsewhere.

Co-op Question Box

So many questions on the Greenbelt cooperatives are still asked of Cooperator staff members that we have agreed to run a "Co-op Question Box" as a feature of the paper. Questions about the Credit Union, the Health Association, the Gum Drop Co-op, or the projected retail consumers' cooperative in Greenbelt may be submitted to the Cooperator office over the Variety Store or dropped in the Cooperator box in the Variety Store. Each week one of these questions on each of our cooperative projects will be answered in this column.

We can probably judge the value of such a column best by your response. Let us know if you like it or if you do not like it. Above all---ask the questions now that you have been putting to your neighbors. We can give you the correct answers from official sources. Perhaps this will contribute to the curbing of Greenbelt rumor.

Shopping With The Children

Sister Sue is dragging on Mother's arm; the baby is crying on Father's shoulder; and the once proud parents are shoving their way through the Christmas rush. The children wanted to see Santa, and Mother and Dad had a lot of shopping to do, so they combined business and pleasure---and everybody suffered.

Don't take the children with you on your Christmas shopping tour. Make an extra trip to see the old whiskered fellow and the toys. Leave the baby home when there's an afternoon of shopping to be done. What fun the youngsters get out of Toyland is rubbed out by the long weary tramp through the crowded aisles. Then there's the health hazard, too. Downtown stores are packed with cold germs this time of year. The risk isn't worth it.

Personal Advertisements

A new service for residents of Greenbelt, our "Personal Advertisement" column, was started last week.

This is a way to completely cover Greenbelt prospects for that old baby carriage, car, furniture or personal service.

Personal advertisements are printed at a charge of 20 cents per line, minimum charge 40 cents. Lost and found ads are printed free as before.

Copy should be submitted before 8:00 P.M. Saturday. The Cooperator Office is open every evening except Sunday and Tuesday for receipt of copy.

Through a misunderstanding a letter written by Mrs. Frieda Perlzweig for publication in Dydee Wash publication "Baby Talk" appeared in the Cooperator. The editors regret any embarrassment caused Mrs. Perlzweig by this inadvertance.

This week's candidate for the Poison Ivy Club is the bum who walked off with the Cooperator's file copies of the first issue of the paper---all four copies. We don't know how he or she got them, but we want them back!

Tuesday night will give you the chance to finally set up the consumers' cooperative here.

Co-op Question Box

HEALTH ASSOCIATION
C. O. C. CREDIT UNION

Bring your co-op questions to the Cooperator office or drop them in the Cooperator box in the Variety Store.

Q. Just what is the Greenbelt Health Association, and how is it run?

A. It is a cooperative organization (voluntary and unincorporated) formed by the people of Greenbelt for the purpose of securing the best kind of medical care for themselves, at a cost they can all afford to pay. It is run by the members, as in the case of every cooperative; the membership controls policy and rates in the manner prescribed in the by-laws.

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Q. What is the Cooperative Organizing Committee (C.O.C.)?

A. The C.O.C. is a committee of Greenbelt citizens, authorized by and reporting to the Citizens Association, but elected directly by the citizens. It is charged with the responsibility of completing the organization of Greenbelt's consumer cooperative, pending the organization of which, the local stores are now being run without profit by Consumers Distribution Corporation of New York.

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Q. Why should I join the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union if I don't expect to borrow any money?

A. A person never knows when it will become necessary to borrow money. If you are a member of the credit union, you have a place to turn to when the need arises; your application requires less investigation than that of the usual borrower, and you get your loan more quickly; you have first call on available funds; and you have a convenient place to save. Furthermore, the money you save earns more money and allows the other fellow to borrow, while his money in turn helps to allow you to borrow. In other words, the credit union member is doubly protected: he has a place where he can save regularly, a place where he can borrow for any productive purpose.

Applications for membership are accepted any Friday or pay day night in Room 200 over the Variety Store.

A Sound Investment

With the advent of 1940 Greenbelt again faces the selection of its group leaders for another year. Since the fundamental principle developed here is that of democratic control, it is of supreme importance that those vested with authority for their terms of office be capable of conducting meetings in the best interests of all without blundering into the pitfalls of chaos and time-wasting.

For this reason, we strongly urge the organizations which are interested in a sound and healthy growth, that they prevail on the Parent-Teacher Association, and those experts in town who are qualified, to conduct once more the short seminar course on parliamentary procedure last given over a year ago.

Here will be a sound investment of time and effort, the results of which must obviously be of such benefit to every group, however, small or large, that it would be well to draft every leader to attend the course for the greater glory of the democratic process.

A YEAR AGO

(From Cooperator December 8, 1938)

Greenbelt Citizens' Association adopted a stay-at-home week, requesting all Greenbelt organizations to not schedule meetings during Christmas week......

The Gum Drop Co-op loaned the P.-T.A. twenty dollars from the reserves established by profits in their educational cooperative venture.........

The Journalistic Club was to revise their by-laws at a meeting December 14.........

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Letters to Editor

A DIE-HARD CONFESSES

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to put in my "plug" for the Greenbelt Health Association and the Greenbelt Hospital. I have been a resident of Greenbelt (Thank God!) for the last year and a half, and like a good many Greenbelters have been a die-hard. With so many Utopia-like opportunities converging upon me from the moment I moved here, I developed an immediate suspicion-complex. I thought, "Who's paying for all this? Where's the catch? And what's it going to cost me!" Simultaneously there sprang up with the Utopia-like opportunities, contradictory rumors and whisperings. Rather than jump one way or the other, I steered a middle course. "I'm from Missouri," I said. "You gotta show me!"

Well, folks, a week or so ago I was shown! It took the Greenbelt Health Association and the Greenbelt Hospital to do it. But they did it in grand style. I had timidly joined the Health Association, in what I felt afterwards was a moment of weakness. When I took ill, with somewhat vague fears and forebodings, I allowed myself to be installed as a patient in the Hospital. It was positively swell! It was revolutionary! Dog-gone it, I've been living in a shell for a whole year and a half. I didn't know what I really could get here in Greenbelt. Thanks to the Health Association and the Hospital, my eyes are wide open now, and I'm going to circulate a little. And any grapevine rumors and whisperings from now on, why, they're going to be good ones if I have my say, because it's a swell bunch of nurses and doctors we got up on "the hill".

--- Charles A. Lewis

ODETS IS GREAT

To the Editor:

By his condemnation of "Awake and Sing" as a play full of "weak and unprincipled" characters, Mr. Howard Custer has inadvertently placed young Clifford Odets in the same class with such playwrights as Anton Chekhov, John Galsworthy, Moliere, Bernard Shaw and William Shakespeare. Among Shakespeare's outstanding characters who fall under Mr. Custer's censorship are Macbeth, Shylock, Ceasar, Othello, Jack Falstaff, King Lear and Hamlet.

If it is true that none of these playwrights would meet Mr. Custer's demands for the "gay and simple", it is equally true that none of them can be called "cheap". Insofar as Clifford Odets derives from all of these, he can be called great. We join with those who extend sincere congratulations to the Greenbelt Players who have dared attempt a great play. We rejoice in their success and hope they will try again.

--- Henry and Elizabeth Little

ONE FOOT ON A BUTTERBALL

To the Editor:

An eminent dramatic critic of far greater experience and specialized knowledge of the stage art than we are qualified to presume for ourselves, has pronounced "Awake and Sing" to be "packed with genuine talent for the theater", and he has said further that Clifford Odets wrote a drama therein "that is full of substance and vitality."

Odets intended "Awake and Sing" to be a strong, vibrant, character study---which it is. The story is, without doubt, a leader <u>in its respective type</u>. To compare it with "The Grapes of Wrath" is a studious error, if for no other reason than that the respective locales and themes are as parallel as New York and California are proximate.

I believe that "Custer's Last Stand" stands with one foot on a butterball when it belittles "Awake and Sing" and suggests that this splendid play (frank language included---frosty morning or no frosty morning) is anything but one of the finer productions of a modern age.

--- L. L. Woodman

A JOB FOR SOMEONE

To the Editor:

Doris Seybold has been forced to resign as organizer of the C.O.C. representatives in the Food Store. For a good many weeks now she has lined up people to serve for two hour stretches every Saturday and day-following-pay-day. She accepted the responsibility very graciously and fulfilled it conscientiously. We have been able to depend upon her, and therefore have had one less problem to plague us.

The work she and her staff has done has been very much appreciated. Its value has been great both for the attention it has called to the objectives of the C.O.C. and for the subscriptions and collections it has brought to farther those objectives.

If there is anyone who would be willing to assume Mrs. Seybold's job, or who knows of one who might be willing, will he get in touch with me at 4692 or through the Consumers Services office at once? Thank you very much.

--- Howard C. Custer

C. O. C. BOX SCORE

According to Treasurer's records at close of office hours Friday, December 1:

Subscribers	544
Shares subscribed for	619
Shares fully paid for	333
Dwelling units represented	459
Dwelling units with at least one share fully paid for	251
Amount deposited	$4,078.50

The following names of subscribers with at least one share fully paid for supplements lists previously published: Anna Lesser and Joseph Silagy.

LIBRARY CORNER

SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	- 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
	1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
	7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Thursday	- 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
	1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday	- 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
	2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held Wednesday, December 20 at 8 P.M. in the Community Building.

BOOK REVIEW

"From the District Attorney's Office"
By Arthur Train

This book is an attempt to set forth in a readable, accurate manner how the administration of criminal justice works in ordinary cases. It is a very comprehensive account of the administration of justice in the New York courts and gives some interesting, authentic facts about crime and criminals.

—— Reba S. Harris

MINERS FORM COOPERATIVE TO PRODUCE COAL

"The cooperative way is the best", is the claim a group of Pennsylvania miners are making. Last June when the Hanna Company closed down the old Lytle Colliery near Minersville the company claimed that increasing expenses were driving them to the wall. Three months ago the miners formed a cooperative and "old Lytle" has been running full blast ever since. Every month it has met a payroll of $60,000. Operating five days a week it has produced 96,000 tons of anthracite during that period.

For many years coal mines have been closing steadily in the Pennsylvania fields. Empty towns mark their sites; relief rolls have claimed many of their former workers. Minersville would have been a "ghost town" too if the cooperative hadn't saved the day.

Soon after mining operations closed down last June one of the local pastors, the Rev. Frederick Trafford, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Minersville suggested the formation of a cooperative to take over the mine.

The whole town enthusiastically agreed. The miners said they would donate their labor for two weeks and sell the coal they produced in that period to obtain capital. Mining supply companies agreed to advance credit and the owners left all their mules and equipment at the mine.

The superintendent and paymaster agreed to stay on and arrangements were made to market the coal in New York and Boston.

With the minister, the superintendent, the paymaster, a local merchant, and six miners elected directors, the "Primrose Coal Company" cooperative leased the mine and signed a contract with the United Mine Workers of America.

Union scale wages are paid the 475 miners at the rate of one day's pay in stock and four days in cash. Today, the thriving co-op claims the stock certificates are its only outstanding obligation.

With 8,000,000 tons of coal on its property and with orders pouring in daily the Minersville miners are fast proving that the cooperative way is the best.

STORES ADD SHOPPING CONVENIENCE

Affording their customers an opportunity to "buy now and pay later," Toytown, Greenbelt's newest business establishment, and the Variety Store have adopted the "Lay-Away-Plan", according to Mr. Joseph L. Rogers, who is in charge of both stores.

Under this plan, Mr. Rogers states, Toytown and Variety Store customers may do all of their Christmas shopping at one time and, upon payment of 25 per cent of the total bill, have the goods withdrawn from the stock on sale and held for them. Purchasers have until December 20 to pay the balance and receive their merchandise.

This arrangement is a convenience for the citizens here and is designed to make Christmas shopping in Greenbelt easier.

FREE WATER FOR CHRISTMAS

The Municipal Water Department of Salina, Kansas, given an annual Christmas present of free water for the month of December to its patrons.

City Manager H. L. Brown says, "Water running through meters now is free, we want people to use it freely on lawns, so that the city will be more beautiful next summer and better able to stand continued drought."

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With The Players

"The Cradle Song", which is to be presented by the Greenbelt Players on December 19 and 20, was first performed at the Teatro Lara, Madrid, in 1911. At the outset it was seen to be exceptional and one of the rare inspirations of the theater.

This play has since been translated into all the major languages and produced in leading cities in many parts of the world.

In 1927 in New York, Eva Le Gallienne gave her splendid interpretation of the part of Sister Joanna of the Cross. Other outstanding artists have enjoyed taking part in "The Cradle Song". It has been given at the Old Vic and Scala Theaters in London, the Playhouses in Oxford and Liverpool, and the Abbey Theater in Dublin. It has even been given in Tasmania, Singapore, and in Nairobi. The longest recorded run of the play was that of the French production at the Theater des Champs Elysees, Paris, where it exceeded 300 nights!

A number of years ago this play was reviewed by the Washington Star critic, who said in these few but sufficient words: "'The Cradle Song' has been called the finest play seen in America in 25 years." In London the reaction was: "There is little need to particularize the emotions this lovely play evokes. Sectarian prejudice affects them as little as it does the appeal of the Old Masters or the music of the spheres." And J. Brooks Atkinson of the New York Times, and probably critic without peer in that great city, was so enthused that he said: "'Cradle Song' provides the most enjoyable refreshment now on the boards. The hush of routine within the convent becomes as articulate and far more agreeable than the scream of life outside. The achievement of 'The Cradle Song' savors of black magic."

The director of this next Players production is Dorothy East. Mrs. East has distinguished herself for her directing of two one-act plays in 1938, and her acting in another short play. She has handled a number of important tasks in productions, and more recently assisted in the direction of "Both Your Houses".

Others on the production staff of "The Cradle Song" include: Lexey Jane Cragin, prompter; Joseph Muller, house manager; Joe Maynard, stage manager; Frank Loftus, props; Edna Barlowe, costumes; Idamae Muller, technical adviser; and Proctor Twichell lighting.

—— L. L. Woodman

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Places to Go

The COOPERATOR lists below Advertisers who offer a wide variety of food, beverages and entertainment. They are helping Greenbelt to build its paper so we ask our Readers to try these Advertisers before going elsewhere.

Starlight Inn Baltimore Boulevard. Quality Food, Pabst Blue Ribbon on draught - Dancing every night. Orchestras Friday and Saturday.

Town Hall Balto. Blv'd - North of College Park
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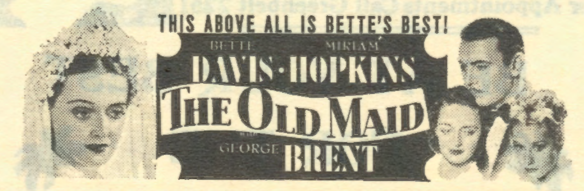
Varsity Grill College Park, Maryland. We offer a late Supper and early Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, Beer and Wine. "Wind up that Party at the Varsity Grill."

Whalen's Sea Food Restaurant
4512 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, Md. Delicious Dinners, Mixed Drinks, Dancing. See our Pit Barbecue. Private Dining Room for Clubs and Parties. Oyster Roast every Sunday 2 00 P.M. until ?.

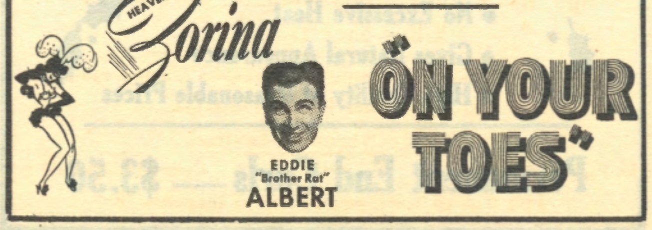
GREENBELT THEATRE

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7 & 8



Saturday, Dec. 9 —— One Day Only

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 10 & 11



CUSTER'S LAST STAND

VOLUME 3 NUMBER 19

Our Editor has reminded me that I have sadly neglected my "Hall of Outstanding Greenbelt Citizens", which I founded some time ago. I regret that this is so—that other matters have absorbed my attention—for it is my idea too that probably the most important thing a community paper can do is to give recognition to the work of the community's builders. Therefore, so that I may not neglect again this phase of my program, I plan to write at least one "Outstanding Citizen" column each month.

Again I ask for nominations for this series; particularly wanted are names of those who work diligently without public acclaim. The order in which names are mentioned will depend upon when I get hold of necessary material, and will not indicate any idea of mine as to the relative importance of the nominee's works. Even I should rather not stick my neck out that far.

This time I name Sherrod East. His work is so well known that his right to this recognition can hardly be questioned; and might be felt to "go without saying". But perhaps the scope of his work is not appreciated, and in any case justice demands that I formally, and for the record, place him in my "Hall".

I have spoken before of his two year record on the Town Council. That was distinguished by his healthy concern over detail, by his probing for pertinent facts, by his grasp of the problems of the community as a whole, by his diligence to see that things got done, by his determination that all sides of an issue got fair hearings.

His activity as a Greenbelt Player has been outstanding. Always a mainstay of the group, he has given good accounts of himself as Treasurer, Scene Designer, Stage Manager, Director and as energetic laborer in general—and to all hours of the night.

He has also been one of the most active, and best fighting, members of the Athletic Club. And the C. O. C. rightly felt itself lucky when it got the services which the Hatch Act prevented him from continuing to give the Town Council.

His chairmanship of the special Citizens Association committee appointed to investigate the serious and difficult-to-handle charge made against a Town officer before the recent municipal election was in itself enough to win him our lasting gratitude.

Therefore I now formally name Sherrod East to a niche in my "Hall of Outstanding Greenbelt Citizens". Previously named: George A. Warner and Carnie Harper.

—— Howard C. Custer

Mail early for Christmas.

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, December 7		
Women's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Legion	8:00 P.M.	Legion House
Legion Auxiliary	8:00 P.M.	Legion House
Friday, December 8		
C.O.C.	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Meeting Room
Credit Union	6:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Congregation	8:30 P.M.	Music Room
Saturday, December 9		
Gun Club	2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Range
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Confession	7:30 P.M.	27-A Ridge Rd.
Square Dance	9:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Basketball Game	8:30 P.M.	Auditorium
NEWSWRITING CLASS	7:30 P.M.	Room 202
Sunday, December 10		
Catholic Sunday School	8:30 A.M.	Theater
Mass	9:00 A.M.	Theater
Community Church School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church Choir	10:00 A.M.	Home Economics
Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Sunday School	10:30 A.M.	Music Room
Gun Club	1:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Range
Young Peoples Society	6:45 P.M.	Community Bldg
Evening Hour-Community Church	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Latter Day Saints	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Christian Science Church	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Monday, December 4		
Shoe Craft 10-12;	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Cub Den	7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Women's Bowling	7:30 P.M.	College Park
Town Council	8:00 P.M.	Council Room
Tuesday, December 12		
Girl Scout Troop #17	3:15 P.M.	Social Room
Shoe Craft	2:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Bowling League	7:30 P.M.	College Park
C.O.C. Public Meeting	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Girl Scout Troop #18	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Wednesday, December 13		
Junior Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Bridge Club	8:00 P.M.	Hobby Room
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Holy Name Society	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Journalistic Club	8:15 P.M.	Room 202

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MRS. GREENBELT

Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt:

I know that home is just a place to put down your Christmas packages before you go out for another bout with the salesladies, unless you are a grand person who makes her gifts, but it makes me swell with pride to see how you have not allowed your interest in civic and county affairs to lag. Your attendance at the hearings at the Department of Agriculture and your attendance at the meeting here on the 28th put you a cut above the average Christmas shopper.

Keep up the Christmas preparations---they're grand. But you can also give yourselves a collective pat on the back. There are not many one-track minds in Greenbelt.

—— Peggie Arness

Local Milk Users Protest Inclusion in D. C. Area

Staff photograph (Fair)

Pictured above are the visiting Washington Consumers Milk Committee and Better Buyers leaders inspecting the food exhibit at the recent meeting concerning the inclusion of Maryland in the D.C. area, held in the Auditorium.

"Maryland consumers should protest the inclusion of the Maryland area in the proposed milk marketing agreement between the Maryland-Virginia Producers Association and the handlers in the Washington market." This was the advice of the Washington Consumers Milk Committee at a well-attended meeting here last week under the auspices of the Better Buyers Club.

The Committee, consisting of Mrs. Sara Newman, Mrs. C. J. Coe and Miss Charlotte Chatfield reported the situation as it exists in Washington and gave a resume of the brief submitted by the Committee at the hearing held on November 22.

"There is still time till December 9 for Maryland consumers to present briefs to the Secretary of Agriculture protesting the Maryland inclusion" said Mrs. Newman. This inclusion will tend to increase the retail price of milk.

Mrs. Ruth Taylor, chairman for the evening, read a letter signed by Mrs. D.A.Schorb of Beltsville, chairman of the Maryland Consumers Milk Committee, urging all groups and individuals to submit briefs to the Secretary objecting to the inclusion of the Maryland area.

The Cooperative Organizing Committee sent word to the meeting that it had passed a resolution recommending that the Citizens' Association take up the matter. A similar motion was then passed by the body present.

During the question period it was brought out that the Washington milk regulations are considered among the most stringent in the country and that such apparently unimportant items as the hemming of towels used at the dairy, and the number of towels used per day are among the regulations. A deficient number of towels, or unhemmed towels cause a "mark-down" of the dairy's standard under the present regulations. Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties' milk regulations are very similar and are based on the United States Public Health Milk Ordinance.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to several dance numbers by the already famous Shirley Land Dancers. Tea and cup cakes were served by Mrs. C. Jernberg.

An interesting exhibit was prepared by Mrs. Bernice Brautigam and Mrs. Jessie Fair, showing the advantage of large quantity buying as compared to small quantity buying.

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Facts for Blanket Buyers

To you who plan to give blankets for Christmas the Consumers' Guide gives a few pointers on smart buying.

Before launching forth on a blanket-buying expedition, know the width, depth, and length of your beds. Blankets range from 54 to 80 inches wide, and from 76 to 90 inches long. An ample blanket makes for comfort and longer wear. The cover should be long enough to spread over the entire bed, with about six inches to spare, and a few inches wider than the bed to allow for the depth of the mattress and the take-up by the body. A slightly larger blanket than what you need will also allow for shrinkage in the first laundering.

Read the blanket label. A good one should tell you the percentage of wool and cotton in the fabric; the tensile strength (pull which a blanket should be able to stand before tearing); weight of blanket, in order to compare blankets of the same size and fiber content; and, of course, the size of the blanket in inches.

To judge the cover's weave and construction, hold it up against the light. A good one has a uniform weave and no thin spots.

In this way, too, you can tell whether the contrasting borders, stripes and plaids are all woven in the same direction as the rest of the cover.

Taut or over-full stripes and borders may cause puckers and ripples in the cover after the first wash.

A reasonably sturdy blanket should have a tensile strength of 15 pounds per inch in the filling direction, and 25 pounds per inch in the opposite direction.

Bindings should be neatly finished and well fastened. They should be guaranteed not to out-shrink the rest of the blanket when laundered.

As a final test, beware of a blanket whose fuzz pulls off easily.

HOUSEWIVES URGED TO STRIKE ON HIGH SUGAR COSTS

Mrs. Roosevelt was told this last week by a representative of the Agriculture Department Consumers' Counsel that two weeks ago officials had reported raw sugar back at pre-war level, but not the retail, refined product. The report was that the trouble seemed to be somewhere between the refiner and the retail store.

At her press conference Mrs. Roosevelt expressed her determination to find out why sugar remained at the high retail price, and she remarked that organizations of housewives in U. S. cities might declare a sugar strike in favor of honey, until the retail price goes down to a justifiable figure.

MOTHERS CLUB TO SUSPEND FOR DECEMBER

In view of the many activities during the month of December, it has been decided that the regular meetings of the Mothers Club will not be held.

A fine spirit of cooperation has been shown by mothers participating in the preparation and sale of the new directory.

Mrs. Madeline Conklyn is spending several days at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, where she will be matron of honor on December 8, at the wedding of Miss Mary Cavalier to Mr. Ira Dalgarn. Miss Cavalier is a school friend of Mrs. Conklyn.

GREENBELT

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THE WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS

And business knows that the women mean business. The Retail Executive, trade journal for those who sell to women, advises its readers to give serious heed to the four objectives set forth by Sadie Orr Dunbar, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Dunbar, who spoke for the American Association of University Women, the American Home Economics Association, and the General Federation, outlined these objectives for consumers:

1. To preserve American democracy.
2. To secure enough income to satisfy wants.
3. To exercise real freedom of choice in the market place.
4. To accomplish these objectives preferably through a cooperative program between consumers and business.

Said Mrs. Dunbar to the advertising gentlemen, "If we are to buy intelligently we must have freedom of choice. Choice means the act, fact, power and privilege of choosing. We want to choose by intelligent comparison, not blindly on faith as we do at present.....We say that comparison is the symbol of the free American consumer. Advertising should help us to buy intelligently."

According to the spokesmen for the above-mentioned organizations, the buyers feel frustrated and are resentful. Business must recognize this emotional resentment and must not let it grow. Will business meet the condition or "continue telling the gals to stick to their knitting?" The Retail Executive advises business to quit trying to laugh off the consumer movement and begin giving the gals the information they want on their labels.

BETTER BUYER BRIEFS

A Better Buyers group under the leadership of Mrs. J.P.Loftus met with Mrs. Bernard Bordenet, on November 30. The milk hearings were reported and an article on cosmetics discussed by the members.

A Christmas party is planned for the next meeting date, December 14, and will be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Bargas, 6-D Ridge Road.

Mrs. Helen Heinie entertained the "Nifty Shoppers" on November 29, at her home, 5-E Parkway. The discussion, led by Mrs. Seybold, the group leader, was on face powders. The group welcomed three new members.

A Christmas dinner party will take the place of the next meeting and will be held on the evening of December 20, at the home of Mrs. Doris Seybold, 40-B Crescent Road.

Did you get one of the Friday economical one-dish meal recipes? The entire meal, for a family of four or five (not including drink, bread and butter) can be prepared for approximately 70 cents, depending on the dessert and salad you use. The freestone peaches suggested could do for two meals, which would make the dessert cost 9 cents. The use of a gelatin dessert or baked apples could bring the cost down to four cents.

This week's menu suggestion also runs approximately 70 cents for the meal and will serve four to five persons. The costs can also be cut down by using a cabbage salad and a less expensive dessert.

Mrs. Blanche Taylor and Mrs. Maxine Melton are responsible for this week's menu, which includes creamed liver, peas, baked potato, carrot salad on lettuce and apple tapioca dessert.

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Red Sox Team Take Touch Football Title

The Elementary School Touch Football League was brought to a close last week with the Red Sox defeating the Tigers by the score of 12 to 8 in a play-off. The Tigers were captained by Donald Brewer, and the Red Sox by Donald Freeman.

Scoring was done by Carl Pearson and Ken Lyles of the Red Sox, each making a touch down and for the Tigers, Donald Brewer with a touch down, and Richard Nelson with a safety.

The game was very closely played with the deciding touch down being made in the last minute of play, when Donald Freeman threw a twenty-yard pass over the goal, which Carl Pearson caught before falling to his knees. The other scores were made by Ken Lyles, of the Red Sox, who caught a pass from Donald Freeman after the game was only two minutes old. For the Tigers, Donald Brewer ran around right end in the third quarter for ten yards and a touch down. The safety was made, when Tom Freeman intercepted a pass in his end zone, attempted to run it out, and was caught behind his own goal line by Richard Nelson.

A postponed game between the Yankees and the Senators was also played with the Senators defeating the Yankees 12 - 6.

TIGERS	POS.	RED SOX
Harold Gingell	L.E.	Carl Pearson
Melvin Shoemaker	C.	Rennie Ward
Ray Reno	R.E.	Ken Lyles
Donald Brewer	Q.B.	Donald Freeman
Richard Nelson	R.H.B.	Tom Freeman
Jimmy McCarl	L.H.B.	William Henry
	L.H.B.	Paul Runyon

TIGERS - 0 0 6 2 - 8
RED SOX - 6 0 0 6 - 12

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIED	PERC.
Red Sox	5	1	1	.714
Tigers	4	2	1	.571
Senators	4	2	1	.571
Browns	3	2	2	.428
Giants	3	2	2	.428
Yankees	2	2	3	.255
Cardinals	1	4	2	.142
Indians	0	7	0	.000

LEADING SCORERS OF LEAGUE

PLAYER	TEAM	G.B.	T.D.	SAF.	PTS.
D. Brewer	Tigers	7	7	1	44
M. Eshbaugh	Giants	7	6	3	42
R. Palmer	Browns	7	4	0	24
R. Coulter	Senators	7	4	0	24
T. Fennell	Red Sox	5	3	0	18
D. Wolfe	Yankees	5	3	0	18
D. Freeman	Red Sox	5	3	0	18
D. Nelson	Tigers	7	2	1	14
D. Fitzhugh	Cardinals	7	2	0	12
G. Henderson	Giants	6	2	0	12
H. Gingell	Tigers	7	2	0	12
H. Fitzhugh	Senators	7	2	0	12
R. Bishop	Browns	7	2	0	12
T. Freeman	Red Sox	6	2	0	12
C. McCarl	Browns	7	1	1	8

Men's Badminton Tournament

The Badminton Tournament, which is being conducted by the Recreation Department, continued through the second round and on into the third round. The results of the matches last Wednesday night were as follows: Sanders defeated Conklyn, 21-15; Fulmer defeated Boote, 21-5; Allen defeated Devoe, 21-9; Holochwost defeated Fleharty by default; Alder defeated Ahasey, 21-3; Blanchard defeated Maisack by default; Goldfaden defeated Ahasey, 21-3. The third round will be completed this Wednesday at 9:30 P.M. and will find the men matched as follows; Sanders vs. Fulmer; Allen vs. Holochwost; Alder vs. the winner of the Boggs-Smoot match; Blanchard vs. Goldfaden.

The quarter-finals will be played on Wednesday, December 13 at 9:30 P.M. with the semi-finals contested on the same day. The finals will be held on Wednesday, December 20 at 9:30 P.M.

The Recreation Department will try to secure the services of some of the District's outstanding Badminton players to put on an exhibition match before the final match of the Greenbelt tournament. This exhibition will take place on Wednesday, December 20 at 9:30 P.M. More news about this later in the month.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM IS FORMED

For the past month, the high school girls of Greenbelt have been practicing basketball regularly twice a week. Mildred Zoellner was elected captain of the team, and Helen Zoellner, manager. Miss Doris Dungan, the coach, with the help of these two girls, picked the teams Friday.

The girls on the second team have done especially fine work this year. With the exception of LaDona Bayard, and Ruth Henry, they are freshman players. Several games with Laurel, Bowie and Langley teams have already been scheduled. The girls are now practicing three times a week.

FIRST TEAM		SECOND TEAM	
H. Zoellner,	Fwd.	LaDona Bayard ,	Fwd.
F. Goode,	Fwd.	R. Henry,	Fwd.
T. Hedges	Fwd.	M. Benson,	Fwd.
M. Welsh	Sub. Fwd.	J. Reno,	Sub. Fwd.
M. Zoellner,	Guard	E. Edmiston,	Sub. Fwd.
P. Stewart,	Guard	P. Day,	Guard
P. Warner,	Guard	D. Asher,	Guard
B. Ketcham,	Sub. Guard	F. Raum,	Guard
Nan,	Sub. Guard	D. Henry,	Sub. Guard
		D. Carr,	Sub. Guard

REP'S HOST TO R. R. B. SATURDAY

The Greenbelt Athletic Club cagers will be host to the fast Railroad Retirement Board Quintet of the Community Center League this Saturday evening at the School Gym. Game time is scheduled for 8:30 P.M., with adult admission 10 cents and children 5 cents.

How many of you remember last year's fast game, which Greenbelt won 41 to 32, when Curt Barker's outstanding all around play and great defensive work cut short several R. R. B. rallies in the last half? Will you be there this Saturday?

Greenbelt A. C. Basketball League

The eight teams of the Greenbelt Basketball League played the third round of their schedule last Friday night, December 1, 1939, at the School gym, and four interesting games were contested.

Snob Hill and the Dumbells started the night's activities with a very well played game, Dumbells winning their third straight game 38 to 28. They defeated the Colts the previous week 48 to 32, and now lead the league. In the second game, the Cee Men also made it three in a row when they defeated their block rivals, the Colts, 35 to 23, to stay undefeated. They won from the Athletics the week before 26 to 15.

At 9 o'clock, the Jints and L. D. S. took the floor to battle it out, and when the game ended, it was all tied up 32 to 32 with no extra time for a decision. Will be played off later. The Jints won their previous game 31 to 18 against Snob Hill. In the final, the Bees scored the high for the evening, when they smothered the Athletics 45 to 22 for their third victory without a defeat. They defeated L. D. S. in their last game 40 to 20.

STANDING OF TEAMS

TEAMS	WON	LOST	TIE	PTS.
Dumbells	3	0	0	112
Bees	3	0	0	107
Cee Men	3	0	0	87
L. D. S.	1	1	1	93
Jints	1	1	1	80
Colts	0	3	0	76
Snob Hill	0	3	0	67
Athletics	0	3	0	46

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 P.M.	Jints	vs.	Cee Men
8:15 P.M.	Athletics	vs.	Dumbells
9:00 P.M.	Colts	vs.	L. D. S.
9:45 P.M.	Bees	vs.	Snob Hill

Women's Bowling League

TEAM	W	L	H.G.	H.S.	PINS
Starlight	8	4	518	1004	5440
Holbrook	6	4	472	902	4433
Strikettes	6	6	486	939	5410
Robins	5	7	578	892	5265
Outlaws	3	7	475	908	4384

High Team Game - Starlight 518; Strikettes 486.
High Team Set - Starlight 1004; Strikettes 939.
Hi. Ind. Aver. - Dove 86-3; Sansone 83-10.
High Game - Wofsey 128; Timmons 123.
High Set - Wofsey 213; Timmons 196.
High Flat Game - Ahasey 93; Green 87.
High Strikes - Wright 3; Witcher, Snyder and Timmons 2.
High Spares - Wofsey 12; Sansone 11.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VISIT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Last Tuesday night, Miss Doris Dungan and five members of the high school girls basketball team (Mildred Zoellner, Helen Zoellner, Patty Day, Marjorie Welsh, Teresa Hedges) journeyed to American University to hear some well known women athletes give a few pointers and trick signal plays on basketball. The girls feel that they got a lot out of the discussion and are anxious to apply these points.

Greenbelt Bowling League

The Greenbelt Duckpin Bowling League met for the twelfth time last Tuesday night, November 28, and eight hotly contested matches were rolled during the evening.

In the first flight, the BUCKEROOS and the CARDINALS each moved up in the league standing by taking all three games from the CRESCENTS and the ROMANS respectively, while the league leading MUSKETEERS took the odd game from the HOLI-ROLLERS and the STARLIGHT #1 defeated the LIONS two games to one.

At 9 P.M., four more matches got under way, and two more shutouts were registered when the AMERICAN LEGION team took all three games from the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and the STARLIGHT #2 made a clean sweep at the expense of the BLUES. In the other two contests the EAGLES nosed out the SCRIBES two games to one, and the JAGUARS took the odd game from the CONSUMERS SERVICES.

LEAGUE STANDING

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINFALL
Musketeers	27	9	18394
Starlight #1	25	11	17477
Lions	24	12	17222
Cardinals	22	14	17017
Crescents	22	11	15742
Buckaroos	21	15	16889
Jaguars	17	19	17620
Eagles	17	19	17008
Consumers Services	17	19	16727
Starlight #2	17	19	15888
Scribes	16	20	16875
Holi-Rollers	15	21	16242
American Legion	14	22	15523
Romans	13	23	13889
Knights of Columbus	10	23	14657
Blues	9	27	16388

High Team Game - Musketeers 565; Crescents 551.
High Team Set - Musketeers 1665; Starlight #1 1578.
High Ind.Game - Temple 147; Araujo 143.
High Ind. Set - Temple 415; MacEwen 380.
High Strikes - Temple 27; Dove 23.
High Spares - Temple 111; Milbrook 83.
Hi. Flat Game - Allen 95; Miller and Wood 94.
High Average - Temple 121-3; Milbrook 106-35; Araujo 106-23; Lastner 106-22; Henshaw 104-15; MacEwen 104-5.

BOWLING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 12,1939

Alleys 1&2-	Musketeers	vs	Starlight #1	7 P.M.
3&4-	Lions	vs	Holi-Rollers	7 P.M.
5&6-	Buckeroos	vs	Romans	7 P.M.
7&8-	Cardinals	vs	Crescents	7 P.M.
1&2-	Blues	vs	Consumers Serv.	9 P.M.
3&4-	Jaguars	vs	Cee Men	9 P.M.
5&6-	K. of C.	vs	Scribes	9 P.M.
7&8-	Eagles	vs	American Legion	9 P.M.

ABOUT WOMEN ... AND SPORTS

Last week I learned that Mrs. Dennard and Mrs. Walker were sisters——during basketball practice and fundamentals they played against each other, making it a battle to the finish.....It almost was too——with Johnny Walker just about taking the ends off Mrs. Dennard's fingers.

Although this has nothing to do with women, did you all hear the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia? For many people, the nearest they got was their head in the loud-speaker, and in most cases they were just as satisfied, because of the wicked weather that hounded the stadium all day. Sharing our radio was a very avid Navy rooter. She was Mrs. McCann of Annapolis, Maryland. As she is well acquainted with most of the Navy players, it was just twice as exciting as to ordinary people who know nothing of either team. Mrs. McCann had two daughters at the game, and one who couldn't make it. She is Sally Larmore who lives at 1-B Ridge Road. Midway in the fourth quarter both were tense, holding breaths, and staring wildly about, praying it would be a zero score for Army, which it turned out to be. After the game was over we all drank to the victory of Navy over Army, and listened while Mrs. McCann told us of the wild, unleased time the midshipmen were going to have from now until June. Upon their return home from Philadelphia, the Japanese Bell will be rung, as is traditionally done after every Navy victory over the Army. It would be very thrilling to see that, and then the snake dance they have on the Academy grounds.....

Several badminton tournament games were played last week, with each of the challengers retaining their positions. Miss Dungan tells us that the people who are not at gym to play the first round of ping pong in the tournament games tonight, will have to forfeit their games.

The girl's high school basketball team has been picked. Most of the players are very good. In your correspondent's opinion it was a mistake that dynamic little Margy Welsh was made a sub, instead of being chosen for the regular team. There are those who think otherwise, but Margy is one of the fastest little players they have. It's too bad they do not appreciate her more.

Due to the driving Miss Dungan (Simon Legree) did during basketball practice and fundamentals, many of the members of the Normalizing Class were absent Thursday evening. It was just too much for them.

Until next week when I'll be back again.........

—— Marjorie Jane Ketcham

Our Hospital: Part 3

[This is the last of a series of three articles about Greenbelt's municipal hospital. It presents a financial statement, describes the work of the Hospital Auxiliary, and outlines plans for the hospital's future. The first two articles discussed the hospital's organization, personnel, equipment, and services.]

No municipal hospital in the United States operates at a profit, and the Greenbelt municipal hospital is no exception to the rule. The Town Treasurer's report to the Council, as of October 31, 1939, showed that the hospital's total expenditures were $13,723.04. Of this sum, $7,257.57 was for operating expenditures, $2,654.47 was spent for alterations, and $3,811.00 was used for the purchase of permanent equipment. The total revenue collected in that period was $2,072.50, with an additional sum of $836.50 to be collected. The original large expenditures for alterations and permanent equipment will not have to be repeated; the principal problem facing the hospital is to reduce the net cost of the hospital to the community.

There are two ways in which this can be accomplished. First, by reducing expenses, and second, by increasing the income.

There is very little possibility of effecting savings because the principal item of expense is the salary paid to the hospital staff, which at present is as small as is compatible with maintaining proper hospital standards. The principal means of reducing the deficit, therefore, lies in the direction of increasing the number of patients and the types of services furnished by the hospital. This can be done with little or no increase in the present personnel and equipment. The directions in which the expansion is taking place are as follows:

1. Physicians of Prince Georges County have been invited to apply for membership on the courtesy staff in order to treat local patients here.

2. Various articles of fracture equipment are being rented, rather than bought, for the present, in order to keep expenses down to a minimum. The hospital will soon be ready to accept emergency accident patients brought in by the Bladensburg and Branchville Rescue Squads.

3. As the number of patients increase it will be possible to add a few items of equipment now lacking, such as the fluoroscope, electrocardiograph, and basal metabolism machine. In this way it will be possible to increase the revenue of the hospital without adding greatly to its cost.

The recently formed Hospital Auxiliary, which all women in Greenbelt are invited to join, assists the hospital with supplies, sewing, transportation of patients, improvement of the grounds, supplying patients with flowers, books, and so forth, raising funds, and keeping the community informed of the hospital's services and needs. Mrs. Gladys Freeman is chairman of the auxiliary; Mrs. Eva Laakso, vice-chairman; Mrs. Jane Hodsdon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Erma Volk, recording secretary; and Miss Claire Still, treasurer. There are at present eleven standing committees. Mrs. Peggy Loftus is membership chairman; ways and means is directed by Mrs. Helen Heine and Mrs. Betsy Woodman; supply is managed under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Gale and Mrs. Arja Morgan. Mrs. Delpha McCarl and Mrs. Margaret Vincent supervise the ward committee; Mrs. J.G. Brown and Mrs. Lucille Hemingway are in charge of the grounds. Mrs. Ruth Maurer and Mrs. Dorothy Merryman head the motor corps, while Mrs. Frieda Bierwagen and Mrs. Lucile Cooper manage publicity. The recently formed budget committee is directed by Mrs. Edna Benefiel. Mrs. Orrin McGoldrick and Mrs. Ann Martone are co-chairmen of the program committee. Mrs. Julia Myers heads the by-laws committee. The organization's annual dues are 25 cents. Thirty-four attended the meeting last Thursday in Room 200 at the School to ask Miss Elizabeth Yuretich, superintendent, questions about the hospital. The auxiliary meets monthly as a group; the work of the committees goes on continuously, and is expected to prove very valuable in the development of the hospital.

It is perhaps well in considering the future of the hospital to keep in mind the recommendations of the committee on costs of medical care. This committee, after a nation-wide study of hospital and medical needs, recommended that a community hospital contain accommodations not only for the regular medical staff, but also for the public health department and the social service organization. Only by coordinating these institutions and agencies may a community carry out its health program with the utmost in efficiency at the minimum of cost.

With all these facts in mind we may well visualize for the future a hospital of 40 or 50 beds capable of serving not only Greenbelt but the entire county.

Miss Elizabeth Yuretich will be glad to answer any questions about the hospital, either privately or through the Cooperator.

A Bake Sale sponsored by the Health Association will supply Greenbelt's Food Store with cakes and pies Saturday, December 16. The proceeds will be used for educational purposes and not as originally considered for a drug fund. It was revealed upon examination that there is an adequate drug fund for current needs.

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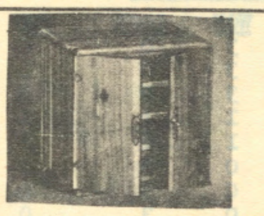

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